

CITY OF MARQUETTE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION MINUTES

City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center, Marquette, MI

April 13, 2023

Meeting began at 6:30 PM.

Present: Tracy Wascom, Hannah Milkie, Lance Larson, Jacqueline Wagner, Lauren Tilma, and Tiina Morin

I. Call to Order

Chairperson, Tracy Wascom called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

II. Roll Call

Present: Tracy Wascom, Hannah Milkie, Lance Larson, Jacqueline Wagner, Lauren Tilma, and Tiina Morin

III. Approval Minutes

Motion by Lauren Tilma to consent agenda, seconded by Hannah Milkie. All were in favor. Motion by Hannah Milkie to approve minutes, seconded by Lance Larson. All were in favor.

IV. Public Comment

None

V. MPAC Chair Report

Tracy Wascom – nothing to report.

VI. Manager Report

Tiina stressed the need for more full time staff to operate efficiently. Tiina is working on writing many grants and she is pursuing funding resources for upcoming projects. Art Week planning is well underway. There will be an impact study done throughout Art Week which will likely look like small group interviews. There is an Art Week magazine in the works which will feature Public Art in the Marquette area, Words to Live By updates, artist features, upcoming exhibit schedules, etc. Art Week Artist in residence will be Amber Dohrenwend. There was a great turnout at the State of the Arts on March 30th at the Ore Dock Brewing Company.

VII. Old Business

1. Updates

i. Cultural Trail, Indigenous Art Project(s)

Tiina has continued to be in contact with artist Jason Quigno. We are still waiting to hear about the next step in the SHIFT Grant (up to \$100,000), which will alter the design concept if awarded. Tracy will work on drafting a letter to Jason, formally requesting him as the artist to complete the Indigenous Art

project located near the Founders Landing area. We discussed at length the process of formally inviting Jason Quigno as the artist, creating an agreement/stipend, asking for a timeline for proposals (possibly 3 concepts to choose from that would be approved by PAC), a city commission presentation, and a final contract. Jason mentioned working with the KBC to come up with design concepts. We are interested in having Jason present at a city commission meeting in the future.

ii. **Spear Dock public art; benches**

Tracy discussed the idea around the benches with smaller scale works of art designed to fit into a weatherproof slot along the endcap of the benches (approximately 12x12). Dale Wedig was willing to create a mockup support structure to test. To Complete

iii. **Words to Live and Bike By**

Deadline for submissions is May 1st, 2023. PAC will vote on the designs at the next meeting in May. August 11 and 12th are the designated painting dates. Possibly look into more grip in the paint.

2. To Complete

i. **Spear Dock**

Tracy will be talking with Dale Wedig for a mockup support structure to test. We would likely begin with just a few designs to work out the kinks. We are hoping to announce this project during Art Week. A timeline for 2023 would likely look like a request for proposals in June, review the RFP in July, present to the city commission, installation in October. Names for the project are still being thought of, and a graphic would need to be shared at some point.

ii. **Connections to Schools**

Brainstormed ideas on how to connect with local schools, when and how often to touch base (possibly three times a school year, beginning in Sept.). Ideas included a kid friendly Scholastic type letter, lesson plans, etc.

VIII. New Business

None

IX. Committee Reports

1. Friends of Marquette Public Art Commission – nothing to report
2. Policy and Maintenance – nothing to report

X. Good of the Order

XI. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.

Next scheduled regular meeting will be 5/10/23 at 6:30PM.

Respectfully submitted by Jacqueline Wagner.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Wascom". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Prepared for official upload (8/17/23) by T. Wascom, Chair of Marquette Public Art Commission